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RESPONSE TO THE RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

The present Response is filed in regard to the Restriction Requirement mailed March 30, 2005 in connection with the above-identified patent application.

The Examiner has mistakenly restricted claims 37-50 into 5 groups. Group I contains claims 37-44 drawn to polynucleotides and means of expression. Group II contains claims 45 and 46 drawn to polypeptides. Group III contains claims 47 and 48 drawn to screening methods. Group IV contains claim 49 drawn to a method of treatment using a receptor agonist. Group V contains claim 50 drawn to method of treatment using an antagonist.

Applicants elect Group I, containing claims 37-44 with traverse. The M.P.E.P. mandates two criteria for a proper requirement for restriction: 1) the inventions must be independent or distinct; and 2) there must be a serious burden on the examiner. The restriction is

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improper because, for example, the Examiner has not established that there is a serious burden on the Examiner to restrict the claims into 5 Groups. For instance, Groups I and III have been classified into the same class (i.e., class 435), and Groups IV and V have been classified into the class (i.e., class 514). The classification of these inventions into the same class strongly indicates that there is a lack of burden. Moreover, there would not be a serious burden for the Examiner to search the claimed polynucleotides (Group I) together with the claimed polypeptides (Group II), because the identification of a prior art polynucleotide may easily facilitate the identification of the corresponding polypeptide, and vice versa, when using modern databases that are available to the Examiner.

Applicants submit that the present response is complete and complies with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §121. In addition, Applicants submit that, at a minimum, claims 37-46 must be considered in the present application without restriction.

Respectfully submitted,

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